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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed after the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 and is being filed on or before payment of an Issue Fee.

Applicants hereby state, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The IDS processing fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed. Please charge the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50/2762 (Ref. No. I0168-708119).

PART II: Information Cited

Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicants hereby make the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed copy of a translation of a First Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated October 22, 2009 in corresponding Japanese Application No. 2006-539940.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form:

JP 2003-094064 appears to be directed to electric deionization equipment. An English Abstract is provided.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;

3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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